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Peking - Rationing of ~~xxx~~ consumer goods was enforced for the first time in peking beginning yesterday.

Some 50 items ranging from kitchen utensils to bicycles and including razors and watches will henceforth be sold only against coupons on 20 yuan each, which will be made available by the authorities to the public on a pro rata basis of individual earnings.

Similar measures have already come into effect in major Chinese towns such as Shanghai, Wuhan, and Tientsin since last January. The measures are a part of the government's market-stabilization and and planned-distribution policy, and are ~~in xxxxxxxx~~ interpreted here as a sign of change in the (word indistinct) supply situation.

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